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The CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive Reverse Auction Bids to be submitted via Central Bidding at CentralAuctionHouse.com. The Reverse Auction will occur via invitation only, to qualified vendors responding to this RFP, on the date specified in the RFP schedule of events. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to acquire the following equipment and services, providing "turn-key" installation, optimization, programming, and training, as well as on-going support until December 31, 2030. Support after that date will be acquired on a yearly basis, based on State of Mississippi purchasing guidelines.

- a. Next Generation Emergency Communications Center Radio Consoles and related software and hardware, Next-Generation Call-taking and related software and hardware, Computer-Aided Dispatch and related software and hardware, Dispatch furniture and chairs, and Plantronics Headsets and PTT adapters, Spectracom Digital Clock, along with turn-key installation, optimization, programming, training, and ten (10) years of support and maintenance included.
- b. Also included is the relocation of a two dish Ubiquiti wireless bridge (canopy) from the Clarke County Court House at 100 East church St. Quitman, MS 39355, to a new 125' self-supporting steel tower at the new location of Clarke County Emergency Communications (911 Dispatch), and all wire pulls, wire, connectors, misc. install equipment, and configurations that result from the move. Two tower climbs will be required, as the dishes at the Clarke County Jail tower will also have to be adjusted to achieve line of sight to the new bridge dish locations at the new Dispatch center. The address of the new Dispatch center is 642 South Archusa Ave. Quitman, MS 39355

Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and submittal forms may be obtained from the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, 100 E. Church St. Quitman, MS 39355, ph. 601-776-1011. Clarke County will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

All responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Next-Generation Emergency Communications Center system shall be returned, with detailed proposal which includes all required information, in PDF format, to the Reverse Auction on Central Bidding at CentralAuctionHouse.com. The reverse auction shall be called **Clarke-Dispatch-RFP-2020**. For a detailed schedule of events, see Request for Proposal specifications, available from the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, 100 E. Church St. Quitman, MS 39355, 601-776-1011.

- It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications as listed herein, and to obtain clarification when necessary. It is not the intent of these specifications to limit bidding to any particular vendor or manufacturer of equipment and services to provide for specific needs and specific tasks. It is the intent of the specifications to obtain Emergency communications equipment, software, and services that best meets the desired specifications and needs, as compiled through Clarke County, Mississippi's evaluation of Emergency communications systems capabilities currently on the market. Any reference to name-brand materials or equipment is intended to establish the minimum necessary standards only, and bids submitted on materials, equipment, and services equal thereto, at the sole discretion and determination of Clarke County, shall be considered.
- Bidders must submit bids for points "a." and "b." above, as a turn-key project.
- Bidders must submit a bid that includes a TOTAL ten (10) year cost of ownership price, including but not limited to: PSAP Equipment, Radio Consoles, furniture, Chairs, Spectracom Digital Clock, Plantronics Headsets, installation, optimization, training, and any yearly maintenance contracts that Clarke County would be expected to pay over the ten year expected life-cycle of the equipment and software. Any maintenance contracts that an existing vendor may have with Clarke County for previously installed equipment may be excluded from your bid.